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The following information was obtained from Zwickau (N 51/K 34):

1. The previously observed troops were still stationed in town.

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3. Firing practice with live ammunition has been held daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. since 10 February 1950, allegedly by units stationed in Glauchau (N 51/K 35). For this practice the area west and northwest of Zwickau had been placed off limits as follows:

Southern perimeter: Zwickau-Weissenborn line

Western perimeter: Verdauerstrasse-Hoehe Wiedberg line

Northern perimeter: Daenkritz line

Eastern perimeter: Niederhohendorf-Helmsdorf line.

4. The following observations were made on 10 February 1950:

Troops involved in the practice wore red-bordered black epauletts. Several squads were trained in firing with machine guns. A tank was observed firing in motion and standing still. Two other

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tanks covered with canvas stood on the terrain, During the firing all vehicles and soldiers not taking part in the practice had taken cover from air observation. Field telephones and reels with wire were unloaded from trucks

Besides the three tanks, several armored reconnaissance cars were observed on 17 February 1950.

comment:

a. The Zwickau kaserne is occupied by elements of the Wis-muth-AG.

b. Firing practice with live ammunition of the 220th Hvy Tank Bn Regt, stationed in Glauchau, was mentioned in a previous report.\*

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